IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE PROCLAMATION NO. 5

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING THE CITIZENS OF ADA COUNTY FOR THEIR FORESIGHT IN THEIR CREATION OF THE ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT AND COMMENDING THE ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT FOR FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICES TO ITS CUSTOMERS.

We, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, do hereby proclaim:

WHEREAS, House Bill 274 enacted on March 25, 1971, by the members of the First Extraordinary Session of the Forty-first Idaho Legislature, allowed voters in Ada County to consider the question: "Shall this county be served by one county-wide highway district for all city streets and county secondary roads?";

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1971, roughly two-thirds of the voters backed the novel measure, an indication of the widespread dissatisfaction with the local road system and the tax structure for transportation funding at the time;

WHEREAS, the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) began operations in January of 1972, assuming the planning, maintenance and construction of local streets and roads throughout Ada County;

WHEREAS, taxes paid by residents within Boise City and Ada County decreased over the first two full years of ACHD's operations, while the amount of road maintenance and construction increased;

WHEREAS, Ada County's local roads today are rated as among the best in the Pacific Northwest based on the Pavement Condition Index and other objective measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the House of Representatives assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, that the citizens of Ada County be commended for their foresight and that the Ada County Highway District be congratulated for forty years of exemplary services to its customers.